Connecting the Dots to Combat Infant Mortality

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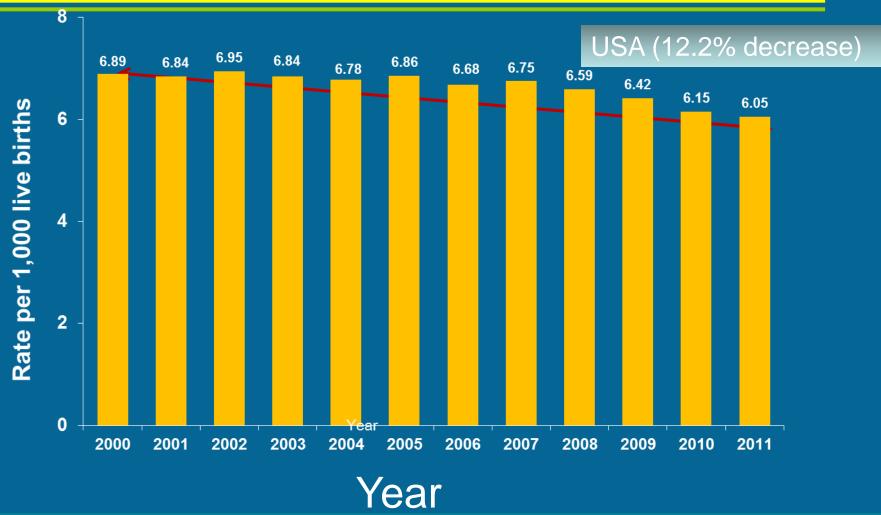
Combating Infant Mortality – Outline

- Current status; current practice
- Need to change
- New and re-emerging approaches:
 - Life-course approach
 - Preconception / Interconception health
 - Cllaborative Innovation Networks (COINS)
 - Collective impact
 - Backbone organizations
- Applications:
 - Ourrently implementing:
 - The Infant Mortality COIIN
 - O Under Development:
 - National Maternal Health Initiative / Improving Maternal Health and Safety
 - Clinical Guidelines for Well Women Visit
 - Healthy Start 3.0





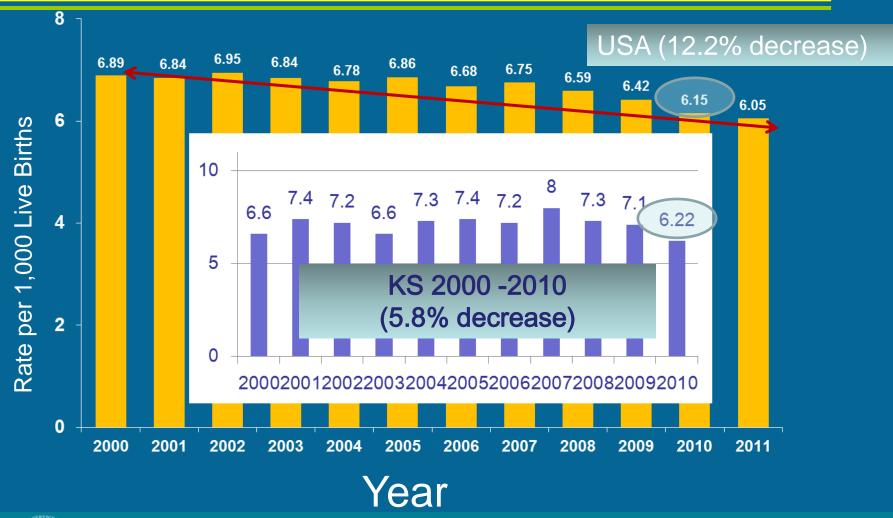
Infant Mortality Rate, U.S., 2000-2011







Infant Mortality Rate, U.S., 2000-2011, and Kansas 2000-2010

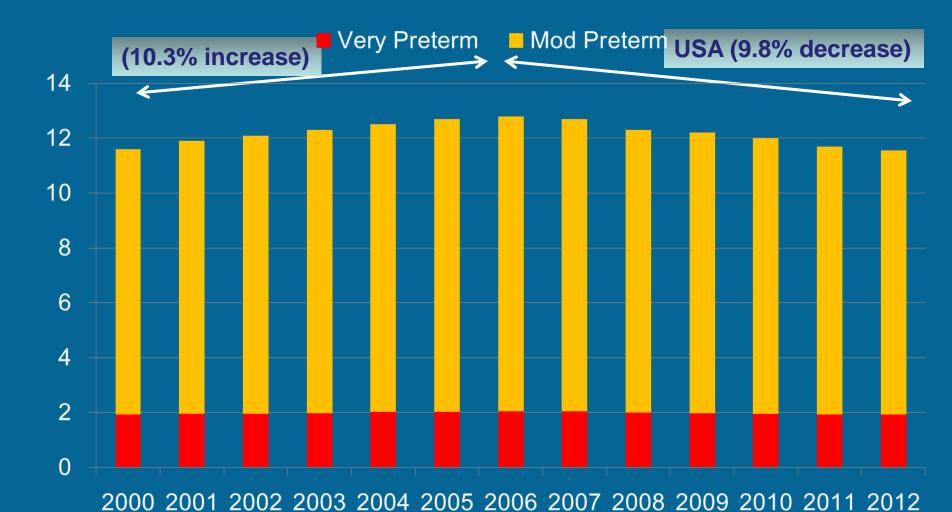








Percentage of Births that were Very Preterm or Preterm, United States, 2000-2012

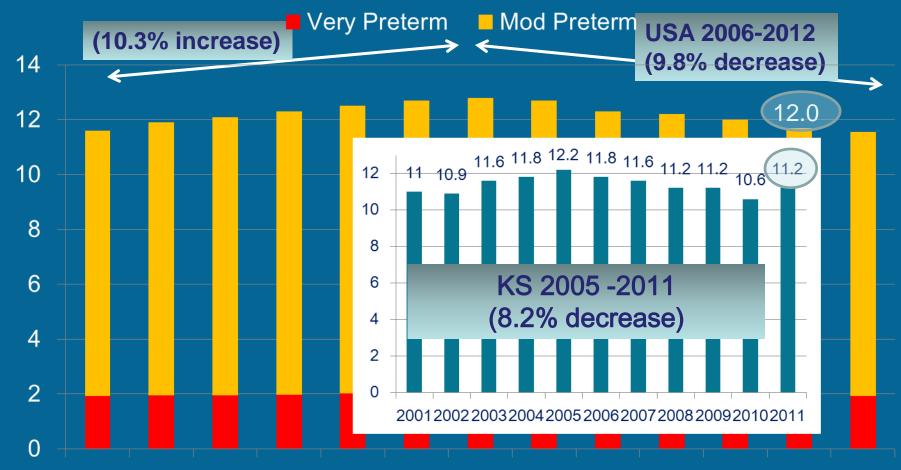








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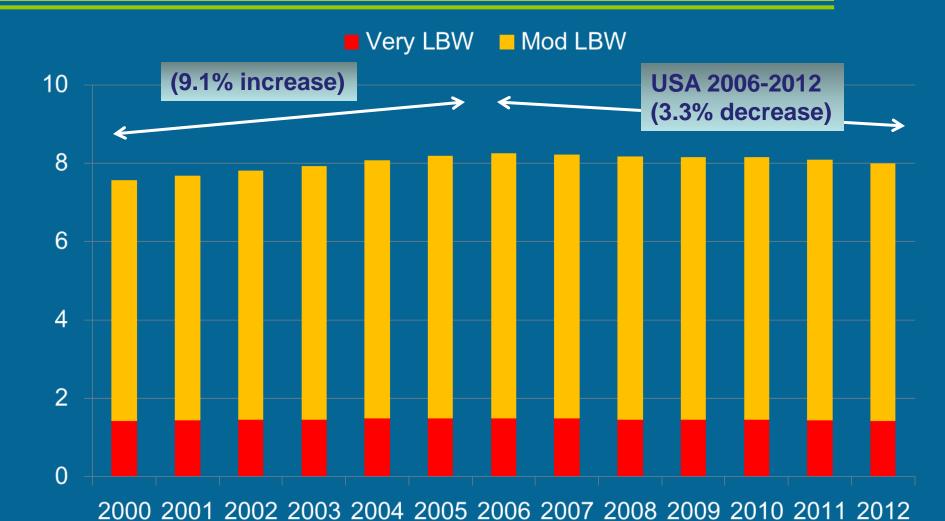


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Percentage of Births that were Very Low Birthweight or Low Birthweight, United States, 2000-2012

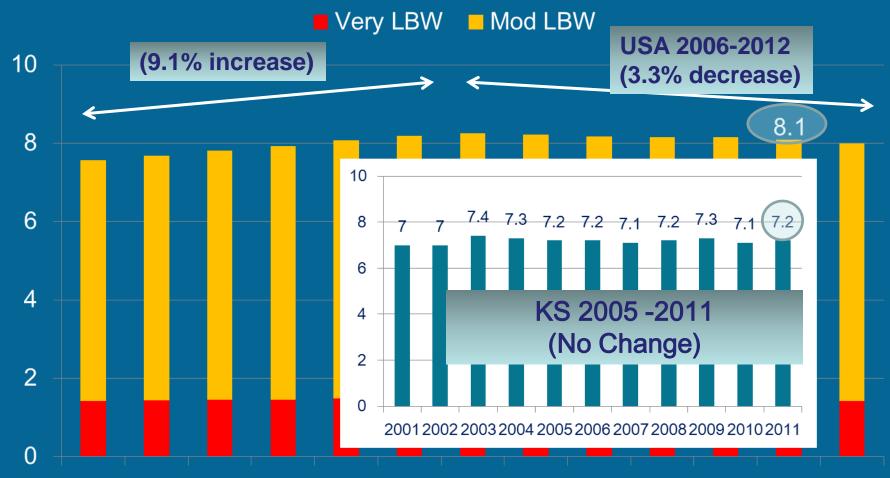




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Percentage of Births that were Low Birthweight, United States, 2000-2012 and Kansas 2001-2011



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We made significant progress But We can do more!

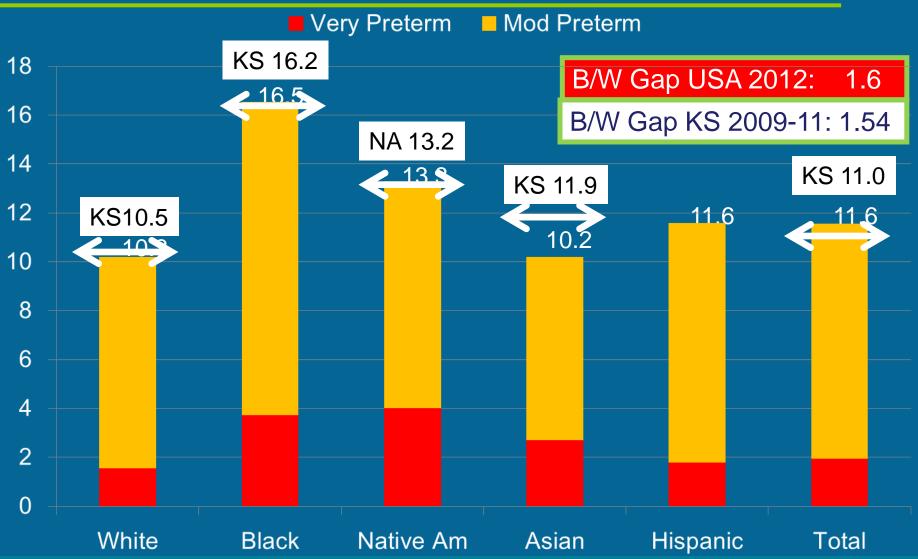
Continuing challenges:

- Persistent health disparities
- Worse maternal outcomes
- Other countries have achieved better outcomes





Preterm births by maternal race/ethnicity United States 2012

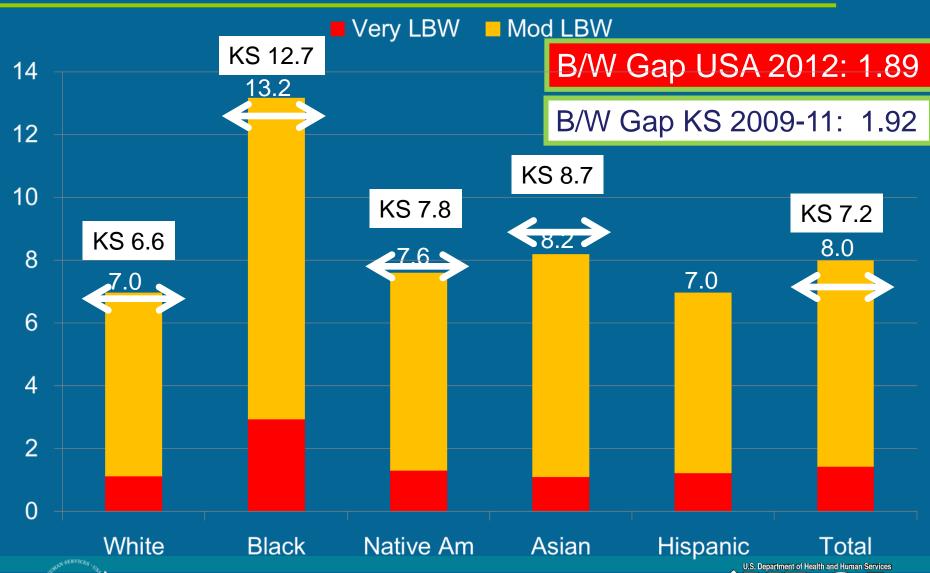




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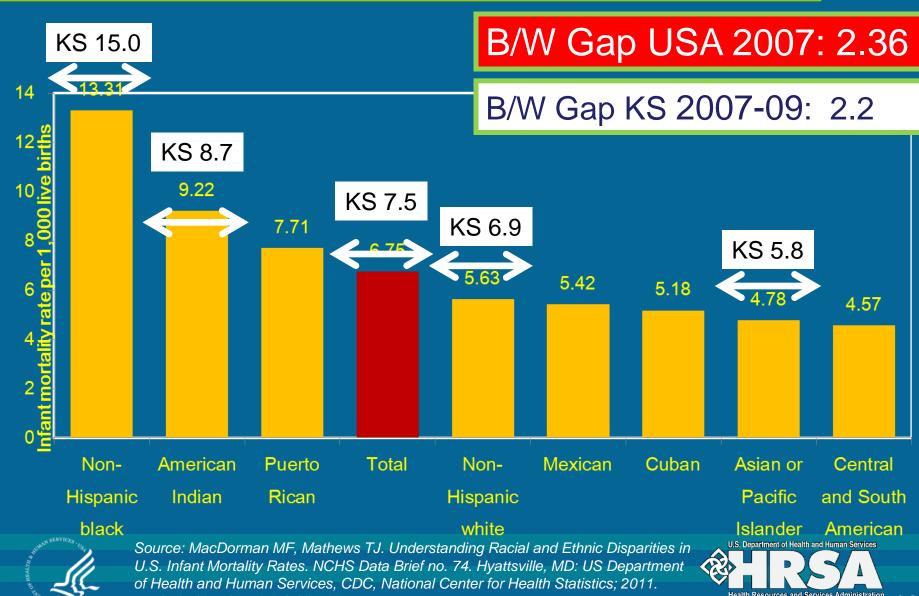
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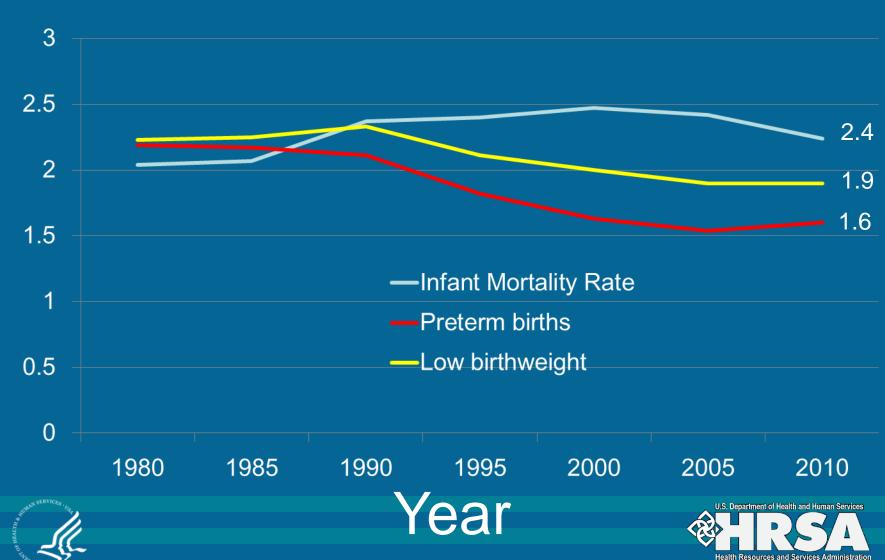




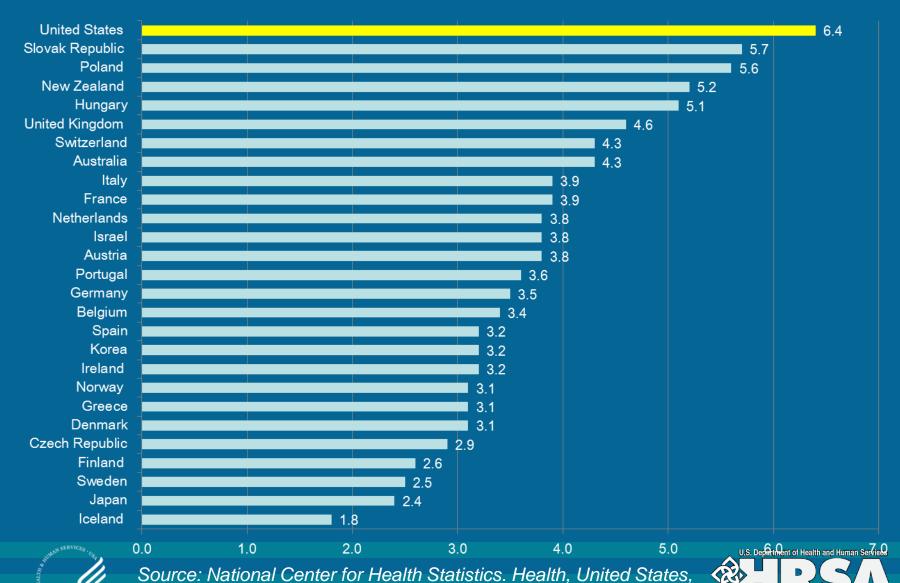
Infant Mortality Rates by Race/Ethnicity, United States 2007



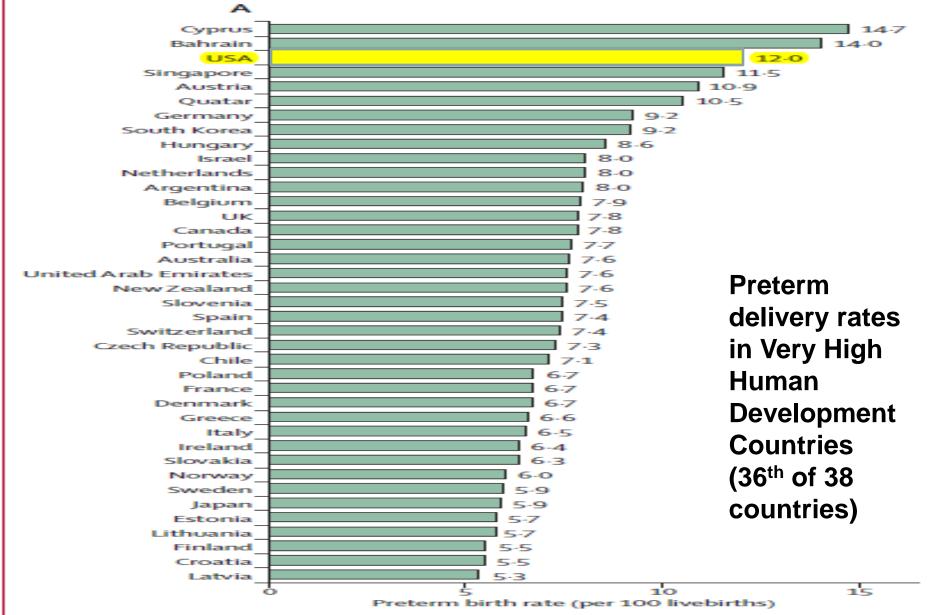
Black-White disparities in perinatal outcomes - United States 1980 to 2010



Infant mortality rates and international rankings: Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development (OECD) countries (27 countries), 2009



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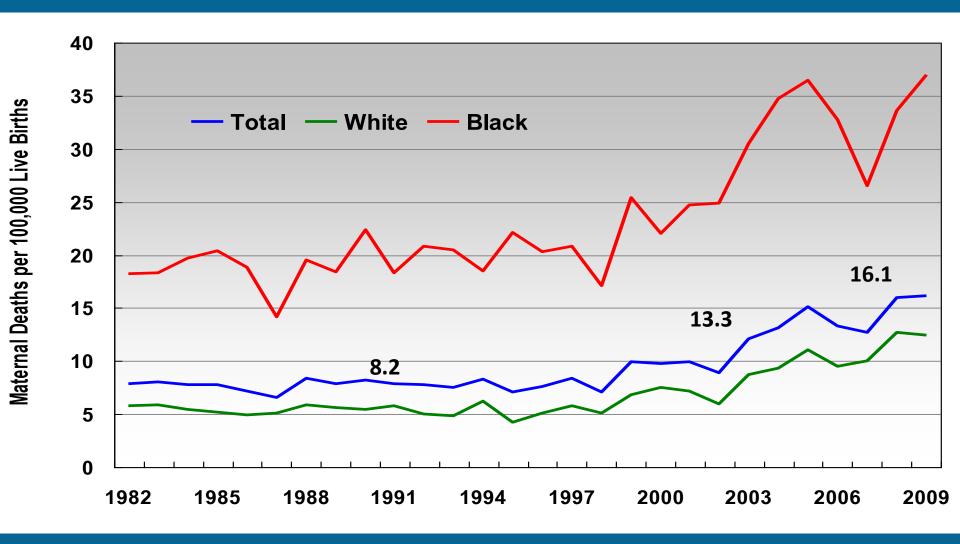




Infant Mortality Rankings (Ascending) – 1960-2002; Selected Countries (Health United States 2010)

	1960	1970	1980	1990	2000	2004	2008
1	Sweden	Sweden	Sweden	Japan	Singapore	Singapore	Iceland
2	Netherlands	Netherlands	Japan	Finland	Hong Kong	Hong Kong	Sweden
3	Norway	Norway	Finland	Sweden	Japan	Japan	Finland
4	Czech Rep.	Japan	Norway	Hong Kong	Sweden	Sweden	Japan
5	Australia	Finland	Denmark	Singapore	Finland	Norway	Greece
6	Finland	Denmark	Netherlands	Switzerland	Norway	Finland	Norway
7	Switzerland	Switzerland	Switzerland	Canada	Spain	Spain	Canada
8	Denmark	New Zealand	France	Norway	Czech Rep.	Czech Rep.	Czech Republic
9	Eng. & Wales	Australia	Canada	Germany	Germany	France	Italy
10	New Zealand	France	Australia	Netherlands	Italy	Portugal	Portugal
11	USA	Engl. & Wales	Ireland	France	France	Germany	Spain
12	Scotland	Canada	Hong Kong	Denmark	Austria	Greece	Germany
13	N. Ireland	Israel	Singapore	N. Ireland	Belgium	Italy	Republic of Korea
14	Canada	Hong Kong	Engl. & Wales	Spain	Switzerland	Netherlands	Austria
15	France	Ireland	Scotland	Scotland	Netherlands	Switzerland	Belgium
16	Slovakia	Scotland	Belgium	Austria	N. Ireland	Belgium	France
17	Ireland	USA	Spain	Engl. & Wales	Australia	Denmark	Ireland
18	Japan	Czech Rep.	Germany	Belgium	Canada	Austria	Israel
19	Israel	Belgium	USA	Australia	Denmark	Israel	Netherlands
20	Belgium	Singapore	New Zealand	Ireland	Israel	Australia	Denmark
21	Singapore	Germany	N. Ireland	Italy	Portugal	Ireland	Switzerland
22	Germany	N. Ireland	Austria	New Zealand	Engl. & Wales	Scotland	Australia
23	Cuba	Slovakia	Italy	USA	Scotland	Eng. &Wales	United Kingdom
24	Austria	Austria	Israel	Greece	Greece	Canada	New Zealand
25	Greece	Bulgaria	Czech Rep.	Israel	Ireland	N. Ireland	Hungary
26	Hong Kong	Puerto Rico	Greece	Cuba	New Zealand	New Zealand	Poland
27	Puerto Rico	Spain	Puerto Rico	Czech Republic	USA	Cuba	Slovak Republic
28	Spain	Greece	Cuba	Portugal	Cuba	Hungary	USA
29	Italy	Italy	Bulgaria	Slovakia	Poland	USA	Chile
30	Bulgaria	Hungary	Costa Rica	Puerto Rico	Slovakia	Poland	Turkey
31	Hungary	Poland	Slovakia	Bulgaria	Hungary	Slovakia	Mexico
32	Poland	Cuba	Russian Fed.	Hungary	Puerto Rico	Puerto Rico	artment of Health and Human Services
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U.S. Maternal Mortality









Severe Maternal Morbidity

- Severe maternal morbidity increased by 75% and 114% for delivery and postpartum hospitalizations respectively from 1998-99 to 2008-09
- Rates increased during delivery hospitalizations for:
 - Thrombotic embolism (72%)
 - Respiratory distress syndrome (75%)
 - Cardiac surgery (75%)

- Acute renal failure (97%)
- Shock (101%)
- Blood transfusion (183%)
- Aneurysms (195%)





Why Are Maternal Morbidity and Mortality Rising?

- Better surveillance and improved detection
- Demographics of childbearing are changing
 - Assisted reproductive technology
 - Advances in medicine
- Women are entering pregnancy with more chronic conditions





Risk factors for adverse pregnancy outcomes among women who recently delivered a live-born baby – PRAMS 2004 – Preconception health conditions and behaviors

Behavior /Condition	%	Behavior /Condition	%
Overweight or obese	35	Previous preterm delivery	11.9
Diabetes	1.8		
Asthma	6.9	Tobacco (3 months bef preg)	23.2
Hypertension	2.2	Alcohol (3 months bef preg)	50.1
Heart problems	1.2	Multivitamins (>=4/week)	35.1
Anemia	10.2	No contraception / not planning	53.1
Previous Low Birth weight	11.6	Pre-pregnancy counseling	30.3



Table 3. Adjusted Odds Ratios and Predictive Marginals for Selected Health Indicators, Comparing 2007–2010 to 2003–2006, Nonpregnant Women, 18–44 Years, Behavioral Risk Factor Surveillance System, 2003–2010 (n=547,177)

	2003–2006 (n=275,630) Predictive marginal (95% CI)	2007–2010 (n = 271,547) Predictive marginal (95% CI)	aOR (95% CI)
Behavioral			
Any alcohol use 🔱	55.0 (54.8–55.4)	52.6 (52.2–53.0)	0.90 (0.88-0.92)
★Binge drinking	13.3 (13.0–13.5)	15.4 (15.2–15.7)	1.20 (1.16-1.24)
Heavy drinking 🔱	5.3 (5.1–5.5)	5.0 (4.8-5.1)	0.94 (0.89-0.98)
Smoking -	22.1 (21.8–22.4)	19.4 (19.1–19.7)	0.84 (0.81-0.86)
Excellent, very good, good general health	89.5 (89.2–89.7)	88.8 (88.6–89.1)	0.94 (0.90-0.97)
5 or more daily fruit/vegetable servings	25.0 (24.6–25.5)	25.7 (25.3–26.2)	1.04 (1.01-1.07)
Mental distress	13.1 (12.9-13.4)	13.3 (13.0-13.5)	1.02 (0.98-1.05)
Social/emotional support 🖖	<u>80.3</u> (79.9–80.8)	81.1 (80.8–81.4)	1.05 (1.02-1.09)
Moderate or vigorous activity	50.9 (50.4–51.5)	52.0 (51.5–52.6)	1.05 (1.01-1.08)
Any medical condition	36.9 (36.5–37.2)	40.3 (39.9–40.7)	1.16 (1.13-1.19)
Clinical			
HIV test	55.8 (55.4-56.2)	56.1 (55.7-56.5)	1.01 (0.99-1.04)
Annual routine checkup	67.8 (67.3–68.3)	67.1 (66.8–67.5)	0.97 (0.94-1.01)
Influenza shot 🖖	18.8 (18.5–19.1)	27.8 (27.5–28.1)	1.68 (1.64–1.73)

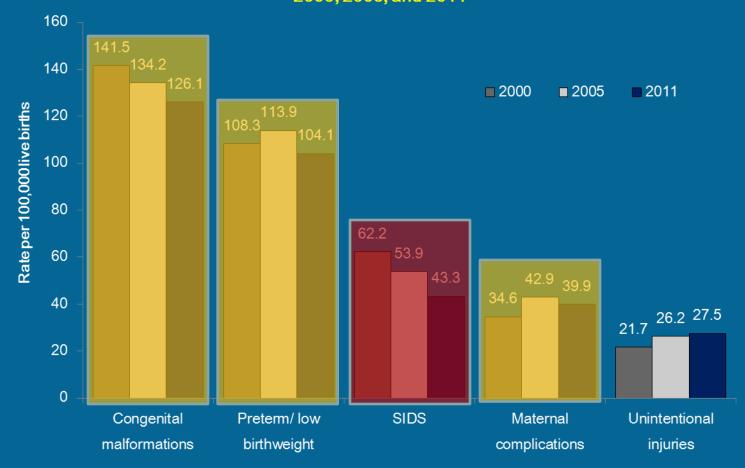
Adjusted for race, age, marital status, education, income, employment, health insurance.

aOR, adjusted odds ratio. * diabetes, high blood pressure, asthma, or obesity



Infant Mortality Rates for the

Five Leading Causes of Death, United States, 2000, 2005, and 2011





Source: CDC/NCHS, Mortality Data. 2011 data are preliminary. Prepared by MacDorman for SACIM, November 2012.



Contributors to Pregnancy Outcomes

- Current socioeconomic status: household income, occupational status, or parental educational attainment
- Risky behaviors: maternal cigarette smoking, delayed and inadequate utilization of prenatal care, alcohol and drug use
- Maternal conditions: psychological stress, stressful life events or perceived stress or anxiety during pregnancy, perinatal infection, chronic conditions



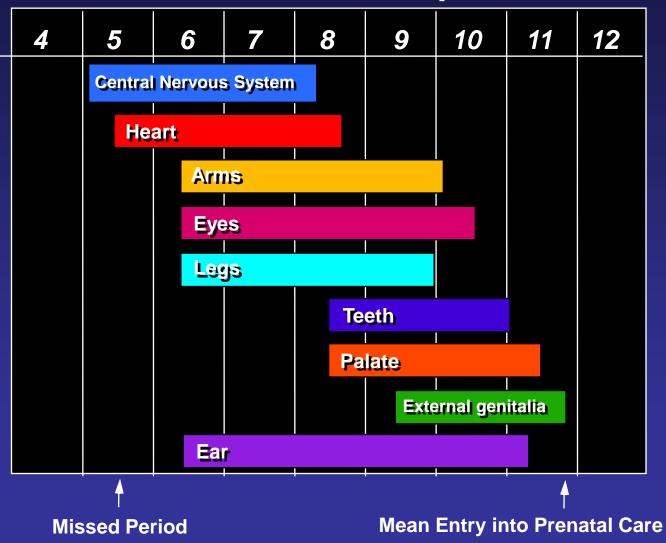


We Currently Intervene Too Late

Critical Periods of Development

Weeks gestation from LMP

Most susceptible time for major malformation





Early prenatal care is not enough, and in many cases it is too late!





Combating Infant Mortality – Current Practices

- Action during and immediately after pregnancy
- Focus on single / isolated interventions
- Action follows resources vertical funding encourages isolated interventions
- Partnerships and collaborations have limited scope





How do we proceed from here?

- Work smarter not just harder
- Change what we do and how we do it

 Adopt / adapt emerging and reemerging evidence-based models of practice





Working smarter

- What we do Work beyond the 9 months of pregnancy:
 - Comprehensive women's health
 - Preconception / interconception
 - Across the life span "Life-course approach"
- How we do it:
 - Circles of influence
 - COINs
 - Collective impact





Preconception / Interconception Health - Goal

To promote the health of women of reproductive age before conception and thereby improve maternal and infant pregnancy outcomes







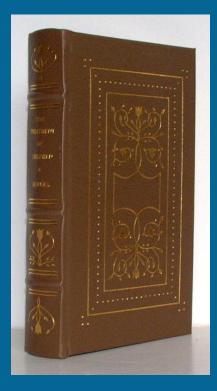
Definition of Preconception Care

A set of interventions that aim to identify and modify biomedical, behavioral, and social risks to a woman's health or pregnancy outcome through prevention and management, emphasizing those factors which must be acted on before conception or early in pregnancy to have maximal impact.





Not a New Concept



THE PHYSICAL AND MEDICAL TREATMENT OF CHILDREN The Classics of Pediatrics Library Gryphon Editions

Author: William P. Dewees, M. D. (1768-1841) credited with having written the first American pediatric textbook

"The physical treatment of children should begin as far as may be practicable, with the earliest formation of the embryo; it will, therefore, necessarily involve the conduct of the mother, even before her marriage, as well as during her pregnancy."

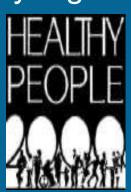
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There Is Consensus That We Must Act Before Pregnancy

 Recommendations and clinical practice guidelines have been published by many organizations



- MOD
- ACOG
- AAP
- AAFP



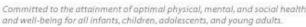
- **♦** ACNM
- USPHS Expert Panel on the Content of PNC, 1989
- **▶** HP 2000



More than 30 organizations worked and continue to work together to promote PCC











ACOG/AAP (2002)

All health encounters during a woman's reproductive years, particularly those that are a part of preconceptional care should include counseling on appropriate medical care and behavior to optimize pregnancy outcomes.

ACOG/AAP Guidelines for perinatal care, 5th edition, 2002





American Academy of Pediatrics

Committed to the attainment of optimal physical, mental, and social health and well-being for all infants, children, adolescents, and young adults.





Preconception Interventions: Give protection

- Folic Acid Supplements: Reduce the occurrence of neural tube defects by two thirds
- Rubella Immunization: Provides protective seropositivity and prevents the occurrence of congenital rubella syndrome
- HIV/AIDS Screening and Treatment: Allows for timely treatment; pregnancies can be better planned
- Hepatitis B Vaccination: Prevents transmission to infants in utero and eliminates the risk to women of hepatic failure, liver carcinoma, cirrhosis, and death.



Preconception Interventions: Manage conditions

- Diabetes Management: Reduces the 3-fold increase in birth defects among infants of women with type 1 and type 2 diabetes
- Hypothyroidism Management: Adjusting the dosage of Levothyroxine early in pregnancy protects proper neurological development
- Maternal PKU Management: Low phenylalanine diet before conception and throughout pregnancy prevents mental retardation in infants born to mothers with PKU
- Obesity Control: Reduces the risks of neural tube defects, preterm birth, diabetes, c-section, hypertensive and thromboembolic disease.
- STDs Screening and Management: Reduce the risk of ectopic pregnancy, infertility, PID, and chronic pelvic pain; also reduce the risk to the fetus of fetal death, or physical and developmental disabilities, including mental retardation and blindness.

Preconception Interventions: Avoid Teratogens

- Alcohol USe: Fetal alcohol syndrome (FAS) and other alcohol-related birth defects can be prevented.
- Anti-epileptic drugs: Some anti-epileptic drugs are known teratogens – changing to a less teratogenic treatment regimen reduces harmful exposure.
- Accutane USe: Use of Accutane in pregnancy results in miscarriage and birth defects – avoiding pregnancy or ceasing Accutance use before conception eliminates harmful exposure.
- Oral anticoagulants: Warfarin is a teratogen; medications can be switched before the onset of pregnancy
- Smoking: Completing smoking cessation before pregnancy can prevent smoking-associated adverse outcomes include preterm birth, low birth weights and the content of the cont

The lifecourse approach proposes that disparities in birth outcomes are the consequences of differential developmental trajectories set forth by early life experiences and cumulative allostatic load over the life course.





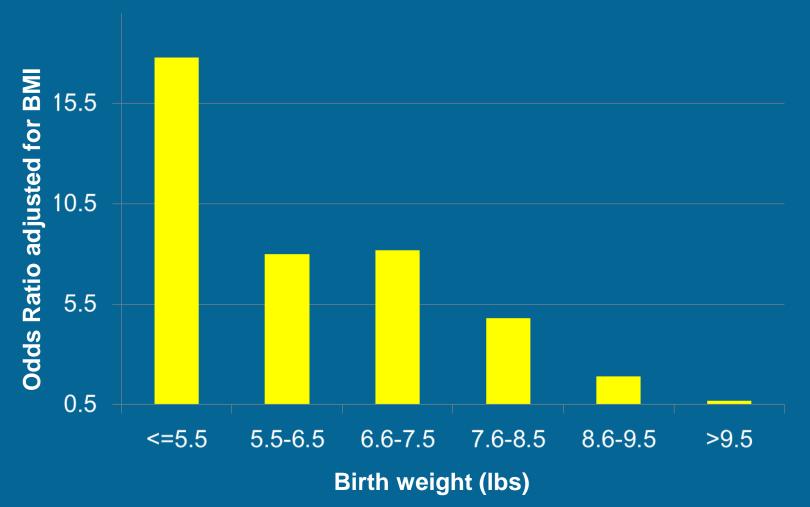
Scientific evidence from two leading longitudinal models:

- The early programming model exposures in early life could influence future reproductive potential
- The cumulative pathways model decline in reproductive health results from cumulative wear and tear to the body's allostatic systems
- These two models are not mutually exclusive





Low Birthweight is associated with Syndrome X (Type 2 diabetes, hypertension and hyperlipidaemia)





Barker DJP, Hales CN, Fall CHD, Osmond C, Phipps K, Clark PMS. Type 2 (non-insulin-dependent) diabetes mellitus, hypertension and hyperlipidaemia (Syndrome X): Relation to reduced fetal growth. Diabetologia 1993;36:62-67.



Low Birthweight is associated with hypertension

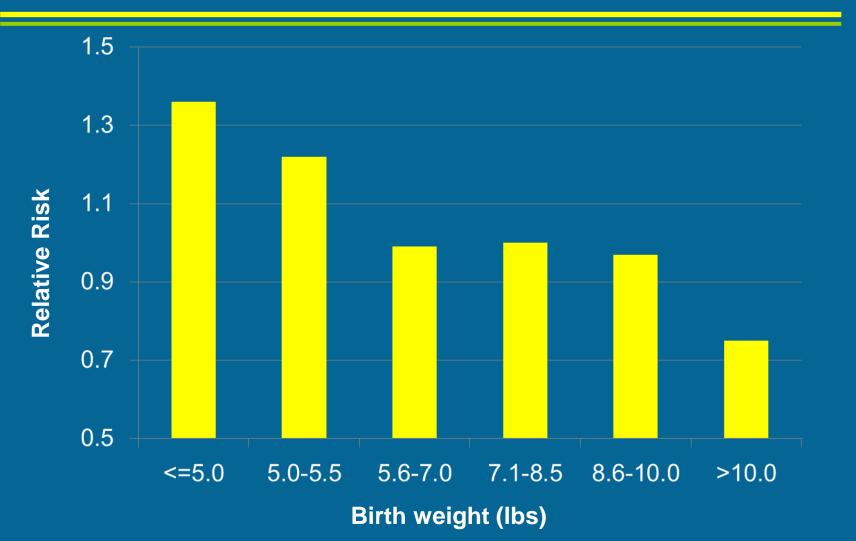




Law CM, de Swiet M, Osmond C, Fayers PM, Barker DJP, Cruddas AM, et al. Initiation of hypertension in utero and its amplification throughout life. Br Med J 1993;306:24-27.



Low Birthweight is assocaited with non-fatal coronary heart disease





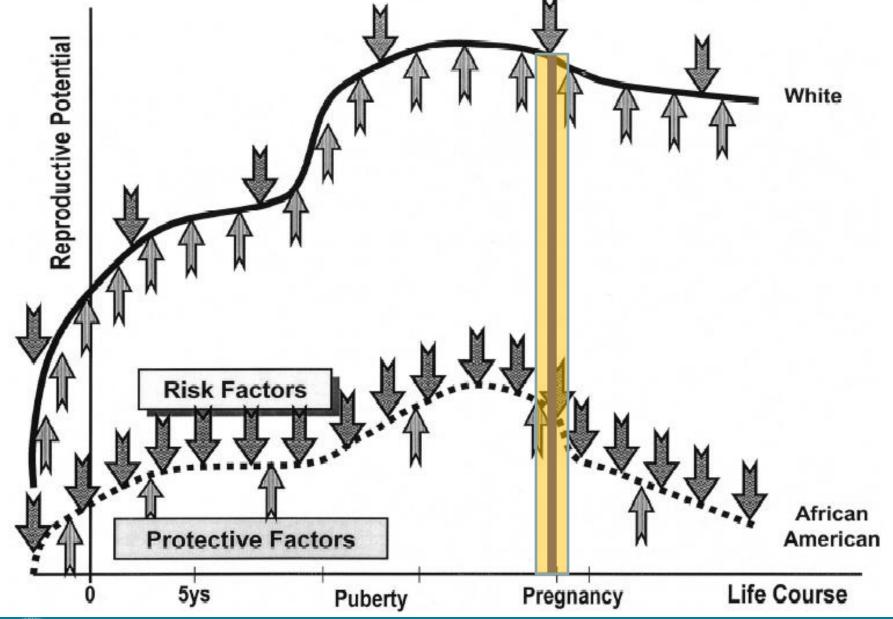


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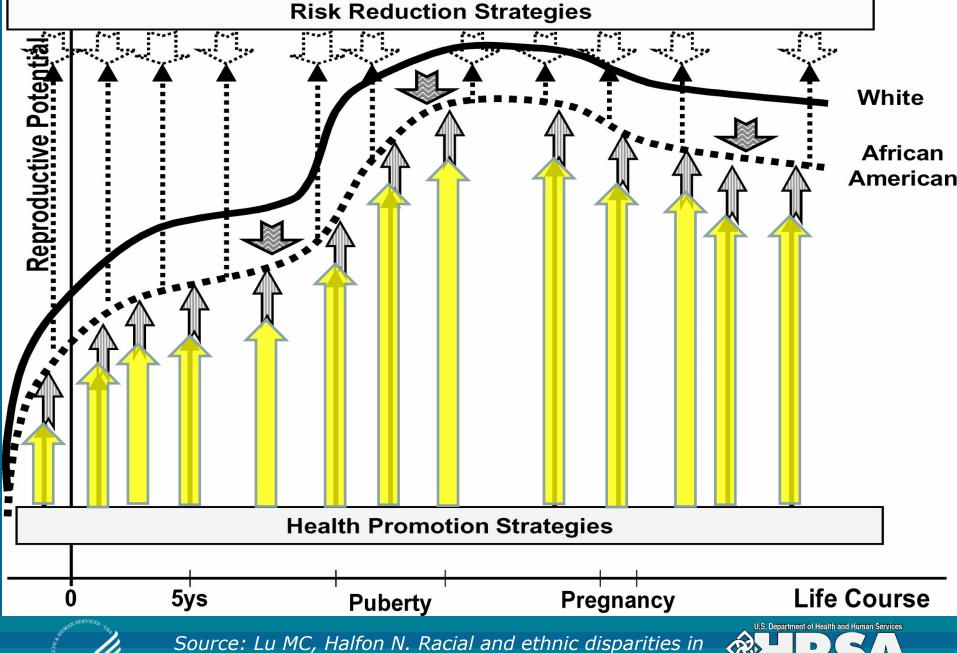






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A 12-point plan to close the Black-White gap in birth outcomes - 1:

Address the needs of AA women for quality healthcare across the lifespan:

- 1. Provide interconception care to women with prior adverse pregnancy outcomes,
- 2. Increase access to preconception care to AA women,
- 3. Improve the quality of prenatal care, and
- 4. Expand healthcare access over the life course

A 12-point plan to close the Black-White gap in birth outcomes - 2:

Enhance family and community systems that may influence the health of pregnant women, families, and communities.

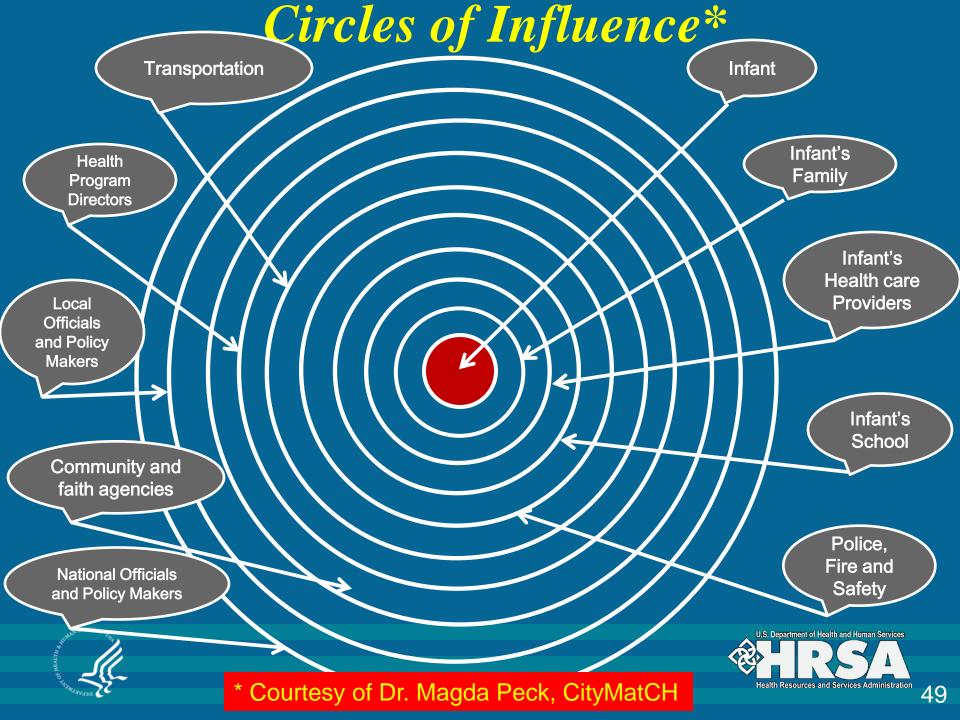
- 5. Strengthen father involvement in AA families,
- 6. Enhance coordination and integration of family support services,
- Create reproductive social capital in AA communities, and
- 8. Invest in community building and urban renewal



A 12-point plan to close the Black-White gap in birth outcomes - 3:

Address the social and economic inequities that underlie much of health disparities:

- 9. Close the education gap,
- 10. Reduce poverty among AA families,
- 11. Support working mothers and families, and
- 12. Undo racism



Women's and Maternal Health - HRSA Initiatives

Women's Health Preventive Services Clinical Visit Guidelines

 Support the development of clinical preventive health guidelines for well woman visit

Compile the guidelines into a succinct resource

 Disseminate these guidelines and promote their adoption into standard clinical practice among women's health care providers





Women's and Maternal Health - HRSA Initiatives National Maternal Health Initiative

 Promote coordination and collaboration within HRSA, across HHS agencies and with professional and private organizations.

Five priorities:

- Improve women's health before, during, and after pregnancy
- Improve systems of maternity care including clinical and public health systems
- Improve public awareness and education
- Improve research and surveillance
- Improve the quality and safety of maternity care





Women's and Maternal Health - HRSA Initiatives Improving Maternal Health and Safety

- Purpose: reduce the number of maternal deaths and/or preventable severe morbidities
- Goal: engaging health care providers, State leaders, hospitals, payers, and consumers
- Strategies:
 - Promote knowledge of and access to preconception and interconception care through a provider education campaign
 - Engage stakeholders in efforts to reduce primary cesarean delivery
 - Facilitate the adoption of the maternal safety bundle through development of a CollN of early adopter states





Collaborative Innovation Networks

A ColN, or Collaborative Innovation Network, is a team of self-motivated people with a collective vision, enabled by the Web to collaborate in achieving a common goal by sharing ideas, information, and work.



Collaborative Innovation Networks

"If you and I swap a dollar, you and I still each have a dollar. If you and I swap an idea, you and I have two ideas each."

By openly sharing ideas and work, a team's creative output is exponentially more than the sum of the creative outputs of all the individual team members.



Key Elements of a ColN

Being a "cyber-team"

Innovation

 Work patterns characterized by meritocracy, transparency, and openness

The Infant Mortality CollN

The Collaborative *Improvement* & Innovation Network to Reduce Infant Mortality

 Designed to help States innovate and improve their approaches to improving birth outcomes

 Initiated March 2012 as a mechanism to support the adoption of collaborative learning and quality improvement principles and practices to reduce infant mortality and improve birth outcomes.





COIN: Strategies & Structure

5 Strategy Teams

- 1. Reducing early elective deliveries <39 weeks (ED);
- 2. Enhancing interconception care in Medicaid (ICC);
- 3. Reducing SIDS/SUID (SS);
- 4. Increasing smoking cessation among pregnant women (SC);
- 5. Enhancing perinatal regionalization (RS).

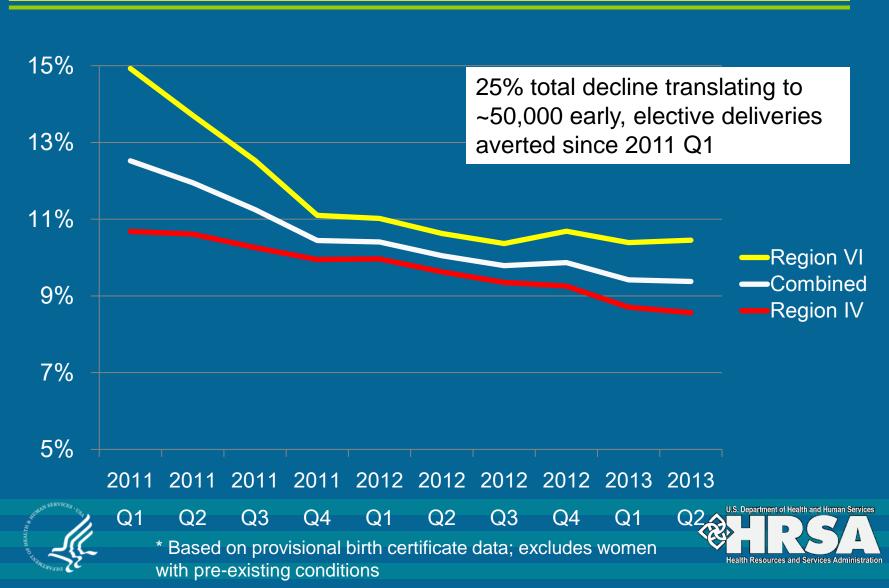
Teams

- 2-3 Leads (Content Experts);
- Data and/or Method Experts
- Staff support (MCHB & partner organizations)
- State representatives
- Shared Workspace
- Data Dashboard

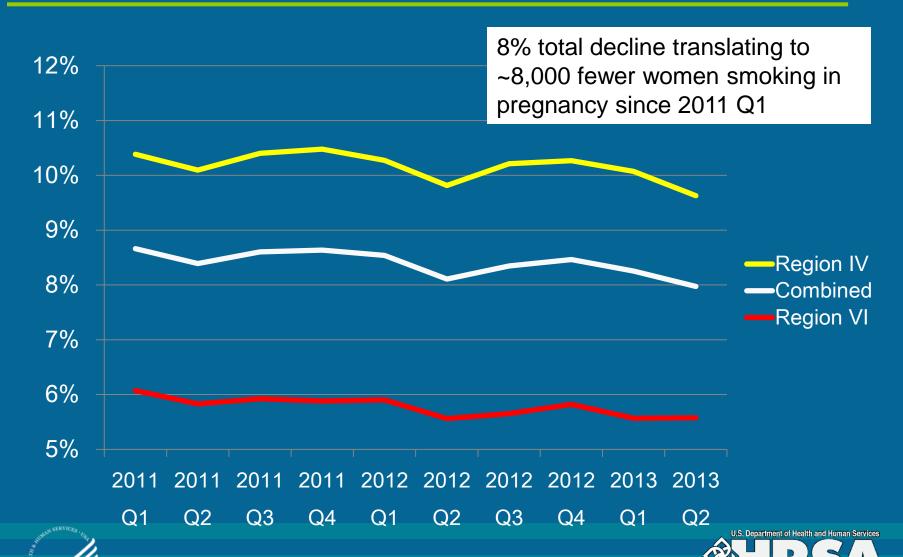




Non-Medically Indicated Early Term Deliveries Among Singleton, Term Deliveries*



Smoking During Pregnancy*



Other COIIN Accomplishments

- Interconception Care: 7 out of 8 states introduced polices to improve interconception care access or content
- <u>Perinatal Regionalization</u>: several states are working together to address levels of care designations
- <u>Safe Sleep</u>: monthly collaborative learning sessions to share best practices and innovations





Collective Impact

A systemic approach to social impact that focuses on the relationships between organizations and the progress toward shared objectives.

Collective Impact Initiatives are:

- Long-term commitments
- By a group of important actors
- From different sectors
- To a common agenda
- For solving a specific social problem





Collective Impact

"The power of collective impact lies in the heightened vigilance that comes from multiple organizations looking for resources and innovations through the same lens, the rapid learning that comes from continuous feedback loops, and the immediacy of action that comes from a unified and simultaneous response among all participants."





Preconditions for Collective Impact

- 1. An influential champion to bring crosssector leaders together and keep their active engagement over time
- 2. Adequate financial resources to last for at least two to three years
- 3. Urgency for change around an issue





Conditions of Collective Success

- 1. A common agenda
- 2. Shared measurement systems
- 3. Mutually reinforcing activities
- 4. Continuous communication, and
- 5. Backbone support organizations





Keeping collective impact alive

Two key elements:

- Backbone Organization
- Cascading Levels of Linked Collaboration





Backbone Organization

Backbone organizations require two main ingredients:

- 1. Strong adaptive leadership
- 2. Sufficient resources to propel collective impact efforts





Backbone Organization

Backbone organizations serve six essential functions:

- 1. Providing overall strategic direction
- 2. Facilitating dialogue between partners
- 3. Managing data collection and analysis
- 4. Handling communications
- 5. Coordinating community outreach, and
- 6. Mobilizing funding





Backbone Organization

Effective Backbone Leadership:

- 1. Visionary
- 2. Results oriented
- 3. Collaborative, relationship builder
- 4. Focused, but adaptive
- 5. Charismatic and influential communicator
- 6. Politic
- 7. Humble





Healthy Start CAN Drive Collective Impact

Healthy Start programs are uniquely situated to:

- Champion the infant mortality cause in their communities
- Serve as backbone organizations to ensure collective impact
- Implement the main functions of a backbone organization





THE NATIONAL HEALTHY START PROGRAM History

- Established in 1991 as a presidential initiatives
- Started as a 5-year demonstration project
- Targets communities with high infant mortality rates and other adverse perinatal outcomes
- Initially focused on community innovation and creativity
- Today, HRSA supports 105 grants in 196 counties, in 39 States, DC, Puerto Rico





THE NATIONAL HEALTHY START PROGRAM Progress - Program

- In 2010, over 90% of all healthy start sites were implementing all 9 core components of the program
- Most offered additional services:

Home visiting, breastfeeding support and education, smoking and other tobacco use cessation, healthy weight services, male and family involvement, domestic/intimate partner violence screening, and child abuse screening or services





THE NATIONAL HEALTHY START PROGRAM Progress - Outcomes

- Perinatal outcomes significantly improved:
 - IMR = 4.78 compared with 6.15 nationally, 11.63 for African Americans
 - Low birth-weight rate = 10% compared with 8.1% nationally, and 13.53% for African Americans
 - Very low birth-weight rate 1.7% compared with 1.45% nationally, and 2.98% for African Americans





Why Change Healthy Start?

- Recommendations of external evaluations
- Recommendations of the Secretary's Advisory Committee on Infant Mortality
- To keep pace, align with, coordinate efforts, and support current Department and Agency programs and priorities
- To integrate current and emerging evidence-based approaches to improving perinatal outcomes





Main Changes to Healthy Start Healthy Start Approaches

- Improve Women's Health
- Promote Quality Services
- Strengthen Family Resilience
- Achieve Collective Impact
- Increase Accountability through Quality
 Improvement, Performance Monitoring,
 and Evaluation



Implementing Healthy Start 3.0

Two new programs are being launched:

 Supporting Healthy Start Performance Project

Healthy Start Information System





Supporting Healthy Start Performance Project

- SHSPP will promote the uniform implementation of Healthy Start by:
 - Ensuring skilled, well qualified workers at all levels of the program
 - Identifying and better defining effective services and interventions
 - Offering mentoring, education, and training to staff delivering these interventions and services
 - Providing shared resources





Healthy Start Information System

 Data Dashboard for real-time monitoring of progress of activities

- Individual client data, program data, and community outcome data for:
 - Continuous quality improvement
 - o Provision of targeted technical assistance, and
 - Ongoing local and national evaluations





Healthy Start CAN Drive Collective Impact

Healthy Start programs are uniquely situated to:

- Champion the infant mortality cause in their communities
- Serve as backbone organizations to ensure collective impact
- Implement its six main functions of a backbone organization:
 - Provide overall strategic direction
 - Facilitate dialogue between partners
 - Manage data collection and analysis
 - Handle communications
 - Coordinate community outreach, and
 - Mobilize funding





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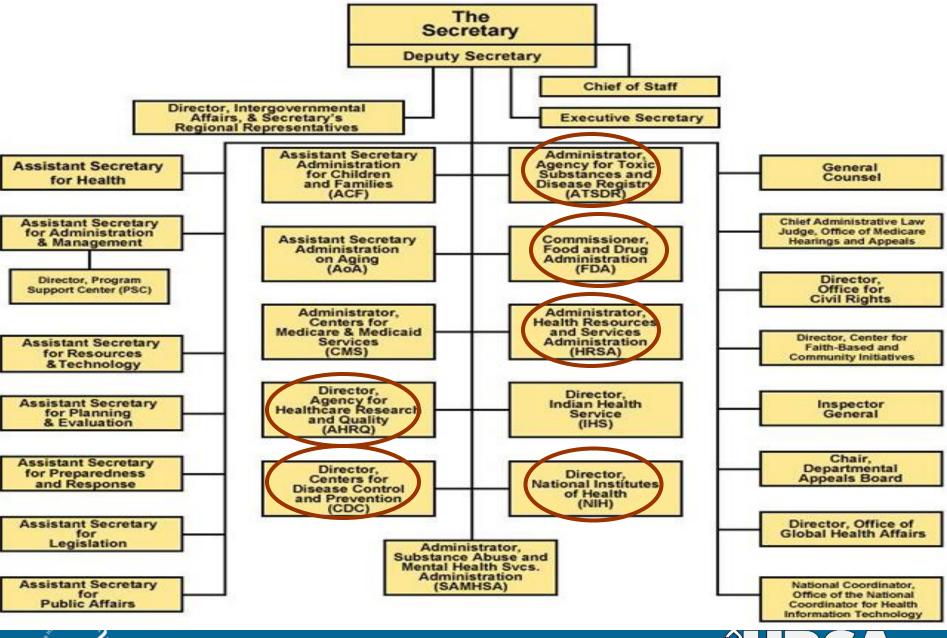
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U.S. Dept. Health and Human Services Roles and Scope of Work

NIH

Research

Clinical and basic research Training

FDA

Regulatory

Assures product safety and efficacy
New product approval

HRSA

Access to Care

Provides essential access to care

Reimbursement & financial issues

AHRQ Quality of Care

Supports health services research initiatives that seek to improve the quality of health care

CDC

Prevention and Control

Monitoring,
investigation,
research, program
development,
implementation and
evaluation, health
promotion, training
and capacity
building





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